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The Black Butte Ranch Opportunity Quilt Fundraiser features a quilt created by Peggy's Pin Pals to support scholarships for select graduating seniors at Sisters High School.

Quilts, quilts – everywhere quilts!

The season of the quilter is upon us. The colorful creations are everywhere in Sisters country this week, representing the art form in every way imaginable, from the traditional to the avant-garde.

While the main event — the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show (SOQS) — will kick off on Saturday, July 14, at 9 a.m., the quilting action is already under way. Quilter's Affair classes are conducted through the week, with visitors and local quilters alike learning new ways to hone their craft.

Black Butte Ranch hosts its own quilt show on Friday, July 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring quilts and potholders made by "Peggy's Pin Pals," all homeowners at Black Butte Ranch. Peggy Click Taylor founded the group in 2003.

Proceeds from the sale of potholders benefit the art classes at Sisters elementary and middle schools. Monies from the sale of the opportunity quilt go toward scholarships for select graduating seniors at Sisters High School. Quilt tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for five. The quilt drawing takes place during

the show; winner need not be present.

July is Quilt Month at the Lodge Gallery, where enthusiasts can enjoy a beautiful display of handcrafted quilts throughout the Lodge made by the Black Butte Ranch quilting group.

Quilters who just can't get enough of the art form can extend their attendance with the 2018 SOQS Sunday event at FivePine Lodge & Conference Center at the east end of town.

The event's keynote celebrates Valori Wells during this, her 20th year as a fabric designer and her 40th fabric collection. As a quilter, a teacher, author, print-maker, and a quilt shop owner, she has a deep understanding of how to cultivate her vital, continuous flow of creativity.

This is a ticketed event; for information visit www.sistersoutdoorquiltshow.org/events-activities.

Guided walking tours are sold out, but you are welcome to stroll the FivePine Campus by yourself among the quilts hanging from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The annual Wish Upon

a Card Exhibit and Silent Auction is a fundraiser for Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show and the SOQS Arts Scholarship Fund. Two locations featuring selected framed postcards for auction and unframed postcards for sale: Sisters High School, July 8-13 (silent auction closes July 13); Quilt Show Day, July 14 at Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce (silent auction closes at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 14).

A reception is set for Thursday, July 12, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., hosted by the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce at 291 E. Main Ave.

For a complete list of SOQS events, visit www.sistersoutdoorquiltshow.org/events-activities.

Sisters salutes...

• Shannon and Greg Pozovich, Ginny Hall, Jeanette Pilak, Cathy and Mike Bullis offered this salute: Connie Hatfield is a true believer in the power of individuals working together to affect positive change. She has demonstrated great innovative and leadership skills in her ranching community by bringing together neighboring ranchers to develop a successful brand of beef products, produced exclusively using sustainable practices. Connie and her late husband, Doc, were true pioneers in this industry. The Doc and Connie Hatfield Lecture Series, at the High Desert Museum, pays tribute to the couple's pioneering spirits and love of their community.

Connie Hatfield is a vibrant, hard-working individual who quietly gives back to the Sisters Community. She gives selflessly of her time delivering necessities to Hospice patients and their families. Her own experiences, when Doc was seriously ill, taught her the difficulty of acquiring needed medicines and supplies after hours and on weekends. In response, Connie spends weekends driving miles (with her dog Tana riding shotgun) to deliver needed items for Hospice patients, sometimes taking the whole day to provide for these families. Similarly, Connie has applied her passion and skills

to Meals on Wheels. For several years, Connie was the only person in Sisters delivering Meals on Wheels. Currently, she and another volunteer are selflessly serving 13 clients in our Sisters community.

• Bill Anttila wrote:

It takes a village! The weekend school lunch program (AKA Backpack Program) sponsored by FAN of Sisters was completed for the school year in June, but not without the help of many volunteers. More than 1,200 weekend lunches were packed in brown bags every Wednesday this school year. Volunteers met at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church every Wednesday to pack over 60 bags a week with food for the weekend, and delivered by a volunteer to each school on Thursday for Friday distribution. I wish to thank Dawn Cooper and Theresa Slavkovsky at FAN for ordering supplies, school distributors at the elementary school Shannon Beutler and Veronda McConnville; at the middle school Connie Neilson; at the high school Ruth Barrios; church volunteers Caryl Gibson, Dianne Cooper, Russ and Nancy Williams and my wife, Joanne Anttila.

The program would not be possible without this "village" of volunteers and those generous folks in Sisters who have donated tax-deductible funds to the FAN Weekend School Lunch Program.

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